

Elm Street Development, along with its partners from the Town of Denton, Adkins Arboretum, and Low Impact Development Center, has been chosen as one of six recipients of the 2006 Pioneer Grant awarded by the Chesapeake Bay Trust. Elm Street has pledged to incorporate a set of innovative storm water management techniques at The Village at Watts Creek, a proposed community in the Town of Denton on Maryland's Eastern Shore, to reduce nutrient run-off and establish a higher standard for protecting the waters of the Chesapeake Bay.

The Chesapeake Bay Trust (www.cbtrust.org) is a private, nonprofit grant making organization created to promote public awareness and participation in the restoration and protection of the Chesapeake Bay and its Maryland tributaries. The Pioneer Grants program is designed to encourage and promote innovative ideas, creative partnerships and cutting-edge projects that advance Bay restoration. In 2006, the Pioneer Grants Program focused on best management practices in agriculture and land development, and awarded six grants for a total of \$594,625.

Adkins Arboretum (www.adkinsarboretum.org) is a 400-acre native garden and preserve on Maryland's Eastern Shore dedicated to promoting the appreciation and conservation of the region's native plants. The Arboretum offers year-round programs in ecology, horticulture, and natural history for all ages. The site features over 600 species of native shrubs, trees, wildflowers and grasses.

The Low Impact Development Center (www.lowimpactdevelopment.org) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of Low Impact Development technology. Low Impact Development is a new, comprehensive land planning and engineering design approach with a goal of maintaining and enhancing the pre-development hydrologic regime of urban and developing watersheds.